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BEGIN SUMMARY. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER CESAR BATRES AND VICE-FONMIN CALLEJAS RELATED GOH HAD INFORMED SECGEN ORFILA THAT IT IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF A 1974 MEDIATION PROPOSAL DRAWN UP BY THEN FONMIN BATRES AND FONMIN BORGONOVO. CALLEJAS SAID THAT THE SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE GOH POSITION OF ACCEPTING MEDIATION. GIVEN THE GOES'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT ARBITRATION AND THE SEVEN YEARS OF FRUITLESS BILATERAL TALKS, IT IS APPARENT THAT MEDIATION IS VIRTUALLY THE ONLY NEGOTIATING POSSIBILITY. END SUMMARY.

1. POLOFF HAD SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS ON AUGUST 25 WITH PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER CESAR BATRES AND VICE-FONMIN POLICARPO CALLEJAS. BOTH SAID THAT ALEJANDRO ORFILA, SECGEN OF THE OAS, HAD SENT A TELEGRAM TO FONMIN PALMA ON AUGUST 24. IN ESSENCE, THE TELEGRAM ASKED THE GOH IF IT IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ON
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THE BASIS OF THE MEDIATION PROPOSAL WORKED OUT BY THE THEN

FONMIN BATRES AND FONMIN BORGONOVO OF EL SALVADOR IN LATE 1974.

2. BATRES SAID THAT REPLY HAD BEEN SENT TO SECGEN STATING THAT GOH PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ON BASIS OF 1974 PROPOSAL. BATRES SAID THAT, IF GOES AGREES, GOH WANTS TO SET A LIMIT OF 30 DAYS FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT EMBODYING MEDIATION PROCESS. CALLEJAS SAID THAT GOH WANTS TO HAVE AN OAS MODERATOR OR "WITNESS" PRESENT DURING THE NEGOTIATION OF THE PROCEDURAL MEDIATION AGREEMENT. CALLEJAS SAID THAT THE SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL HAD AGREED TO PURSUE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE BY MEANS OF MEDIATION. HE POINTED OUT THAT FINAL AGREEMENT EMBODYING MEDIATION PROCESS WOULD HAVE TO BE RATIFIED BY BOTH COUNTRIES PRIOR TO INITIATION OF SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. BEGIN COMMENT. BATRES AND CALLEJAS ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE GOES WILL ACCEPT NEGOTIATION ON THE BASIS OF A MEDIATION PROCESS. GIVEN THE GOES'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT ARIBITRATION AND THE SEVEN YEARS OF FRUITLESS BILATERAL TALKS, IT IS APPARENT THAT VIRTUALLY THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT IMPASSE IS BY MEANS OF MEDIATION. IF THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT CONTINUED BY SOME MEANS THE DISPUTE WILL PROBABLY REVERT TO ITS PREVIOUS SITUATION OF BORDER TENSION AND CLASHED WHEN THE OAS OBSERVERS LEAVE. END COMMENT.
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